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Maturation of Pancreatic Tissue.

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Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed December 17, 2002, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

In the specification:

00 Please replace the fifth complete paragraph on page 21 with the following:

F PYY is the predominant hormone of the pancreatic polypeptide family in developing mouse and rat pancreas. It is a member of the PP family of proteins, which also includes neuropeptide Y (NPY) and pancreatic polypeptide (PP). The sequence for human PYY is given by YPIKPEAPGEDASPEELNRYASLRHYLNLVTRQRY (SEQ ID No: 3).

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5. Applicants additionally note that the specification has been amended to correct an obvious error in referring to an amino acid sequence. The specification previously identified the amino acid sequence presented on page 21 as SEQ ID NO: 1, however the sequence listing filed with the application refers to a nucleic acid sequence as SEQ ID NO: 1. One of skill in the art would readily appreciate that the reference to the amino acid sequence presented on page 21 as SEQ ID NO:1 was a clerical error and this sequence must instead be referred to using a different sequence identifier. Additionally, Applicants enclosed herewith an amended sequence listing which appropriately refers to SEQ ID NO: 3.

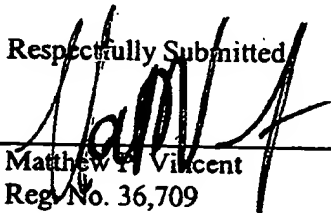
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

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